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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: PLASMA LEAK MONITORING METHOD, PLASMA PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 23 pages, including 9 independent claims and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings- 8 sheets of drawings containing 16 figures. (Figures 1-8B).
3. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-241454, filed August 22, 2002.
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ \$750.00
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2002-241454, filed August 22, 2002.

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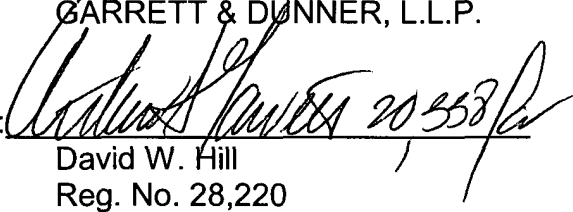
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